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SUBJECT:TOUGHER PRC STANCE ON KOREA IN INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS

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1. AS EMBASSY AND ROKG AWARE, PRC HAS ADOPTED AN IN-
CREASINGLY TOUGHER PUBLIC POSITION IN SUPPORT OF NORTH
KOREA OVER THE PAST YEAR. THIS HAS BEEN EVIDENT NOT
ONLY IN PRC STATEMENTS IN ESCAP, WMO AND FAO REPORTED
REFTEL, BUT ALSO IN SPEECHES ON KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA.

2. WE BELIEVE INCREASED TEMPO OF PRC ANTI-ROK RHETORIC
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REFLECTS OVERALL HARDENING OF PRC PUBLIC POSITION ON

KOREAN ISSUES. THIS APPEARS MOTIVATED MORE BY PRC DESIRE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA THAN INTENTION AT THIS POINT TO ACTUALLY PRESS TO EXCLUDE ROK FROM INTERNATIONAL FORA TO WHICH IT PRESENTLY BELONGS. HOWEVER, IT IS ALSO CLEAR CHINESE PREPARED TO GIVE FULL VERBAL SUPPORT TO NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC POSITION, INCLUDING ITS CLAIM TO SOLE LEGITIMACY, ITS POSITION IN THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

3. FYI: WE DO NOT FAVOR PURSUING THIS SPECIFIC ISSUE WITH CHINESE BECAUSE SUCH MOVE ON OUR PART WOULD APPEAR DEFENSIVE AND DO NO GOOD. END FYI.

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